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- 1. IV GRANTEE HOSSAIN HAS DECIDED HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY QUAZI MAHBOOBUR RAHMAN MUST ACCOMPANY HIM ON UPCOMING TRIP AT BDG EXPENSE.
- 2. RAHMAN'S ROLE AND DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT STILL UNCERTAIN. HE WILL DEFINITELY ACCOMPANY HOSSAIN TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, BUT MAY ACCOMPANY THROUGHOUT. HOSSAIN REQUESTS RAHMAN HE INCLUDED IN LARGER OFFICIAL AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.
- 3. BDG REPORTEDLY MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR RAHMAN. HOWEVER EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT ARRANGE RAHMAN'S WASHINGTON HOTEL RESERVATION AND COORDINATE OTHER DETAILS WITH BANGLADESH EMBASSY WHICH IS BDSNG INFORMED OF RAHMAN'S ARRIVAL.
- 4. POST DEEPLY REGRETS THIS LAST MINUTE INCONVENIENCE, BUT HOSSAIN WAS INSISTENT. ENTIRE TRIP COULD HAVE BEEN JEOPARDIZED IF RAHMAN DID NOT ACCOMPANY.
- 5. HOSSAIN STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER TO REMAIN ONLY 35 DAYS OR EXTEND TO FULL 45 DAYS. FINAL DECISION WILL PROBABLY BE MADE AFTER ARRIVAL DEPENDING ON HIS INITIAL REACTION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. ALTHOUGH INFORMAL NATURE OF IV PROGRAM OUTSIDE WASHINGTON REPEATEDLY STRESSED, STRONGLY SUGGEST THIS BE REITERATED TO HOSSAIN UPON ARRIVAL. HE IS VERY CONSCIOUS OF HIS RANK AS STATE MINISTER AND THIS COULD CREATE PROBLEMS. NEWBERRY

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